J25. Nine Mile Point 1: BWR-2 Mk1                       U.S.A.

Removing Scaffolding from Drywell

Description: Remove scaffolding in drywell, transport out of drywell, decontaminate, and transport to clean area.

Comments: The ALARA group required the work contractor leave as much of the primary piping shadow shielding as possible in place for this work. This shielding was installed earlier in the outage.

ALARA Lessons Learned: Discussions with work contractor management revealed that when the work was initiated the intent was to prepare the drywell for end of outage activities including reactor restart. Removal of the scaffolding at this time may not have been wise. There were two primary reasons for this thinking. The scaffolding removal interfered with work that was continuing in the drywell. Also some of the scaffolding removed on the RWP had to be reinstalled for future work. It was concluded from this that a "Scaffolding Coordinator" should be created. This would prevent interferences with other work occurring in the drywell, and optimize scaffold takedown and setup inside the high-radiation area. Prior to the removal of highly contaminated scaffold, it is recommended that HEPA vacuuming be performed first to optimize efficiency and minimize respirator use.

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